

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended and claims 6-12 have been canceled. Claims 1-5 remain in the application.

In the Office action mailed 7/23/2004, the Examiner has rejected claim 1 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by MacDonald or Beebe et al. Amended claim 1 includes a limitation wherein the interior wall extends from the bottom surface of the primary cavity in a direction that is substantially perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the hose "thereby forming an included acute angle" between the interior wall and the bottom surface of the cavity. In the MacDonald patent, the interior wall 20 extends in a direction that forms an included obtuse angle between the interior wall 20 and the bottom surface of the primary cavity. See Fig. 8 of the MacDonald patent. In the Beebe et al reference, the interior wall 56 extends in a direction that forms an included right angle between the interior wall 56 and the bottom surface 54 of the primary cavity 26. See Fig. 8 of the Beebe et al reference. Therefore, amended claim 1 defines an invention which is not anticipated by MacDonald or Beebe et al.

In view of the preceding remarks, applicant requests reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-5.

Respectfully submitted,

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